

## MISS PRINGLE ASKS MILLION OF PANTAGES

Damage Action for Criminal Assault Filed in Court By Co-ed Dancer

Perjury Trial of Salesman Who Appeared in Last Trial is Halted

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Eunice Pringle, 17, co-ed dancer, upon whose complaint Alexander Pantages was convicted of criminal assault, today filed suit for \$1,000,000 damages against the multi-millionaire showman.

The suit asks for \$500,000 actual and \$500,000 exemplary damages, charging that as a result of the assault, which occurred in a small room in the Pantages theatre building August 9, 1929, the girl's name was damaged through wide publicity and "that in the course of the commission of the act the defendant severely injured her; that as a result the plaintiff has suffered great physical pain and mental anguish and humiliation and still continues to suffer great anguish and humiliation."

Garland Biffie's trial is halted.

Within an hour of the filing of the civil action the trial of Garland Biffie, a law book salesman, accused of perjury as a result of his testimony in defense of Pantages, was halted.

Biffie's attorney, who was delivering his closing argument, requested permission of Superior Judge Edward Henderson to reopen the case. He declared that Miss Pringle was a witness against Pantages, and he believed she was contemplating it at that time. Moreover, he charged, the action was filed with intent to influence the jury against Biffie.

Judge Henderson ordered the attorney to proceed with his argument, and summoned Miss Pringle, her mother and guardian, Mrs. Lou Pringle, her attorneys, Theodore Gottsdanker and Hugh Dickson, and Nicholas Duneau, author of the dance skit the girl was attempting to book on Pantages' vaudeville circuit at the time of the assault, to appear tomorrow at 9 a. m. for questioning in connection with the motion to reopen the Biffie defense.

## Big Bill's City In Fund Crisis



Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, who designates himself as "Big Bill the Builder," apparently has built himself a lot of trouble over Chicago's financial situation. The crisis has become so acute that the city council yesterday asked Governor Emmerson to call a special session of the Illinois legislature to rescue the city from "financial chaos."

## HEARING ON WATER RATES IS RESUMED

Specific Complaints Sought By Commission But None Is Forthcoming

Resumption of the hearing on the rates rules and practices of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company will probably be ordered by the public service commission for some date within the next ten days, it was stated by members of the commission Friday.

The principal purpose of this hearing, started some time ago, was to determine what progress is being made on the plans for construction of a filtration plant to improve the quality of water furnished in the city. When the hearing is resumed, it will probably be informal in nature.

The commission, one member said Friday, has made no recommendation in regard to the charges made by the company for December service. These are based on the averages for the three preceding months and were undoubtedly higher than the actual December use of water, the commission member said, because the irrigation season lasted into September and October of last year.

He added, however, that next month's bills would equalize this discrepancy. Some of the meters could not be read to determine the actual use of water in December, because of the freezing weather this month.

Harry N. Crain appeared before the commission Friday and was asked to present any complaints as to the charges which he had in his possession. None was presented, although Mr. Crain said he would bring some before the commission later.

## WEATHER MAN UNWILLING TO MAKE CHANGE

Little Interest Shown When Told of Extra Cold Registered Here

Wells Neglects to Mention Records of Other Thermometers in City

The present location of the local weather recording instrument of the government weather bureau is ideal from the standpoint of exposure, and no reason for changing it is seen by Edward L. Wells, meteorologist, according to a letter received from him Friday by the Salem chamber of commerce, which had written asking that the instruments be placed inside the city.

As to the fact that Salem was recorded as the coldest place in the Willamette valley during the recent cold spell, Mr. Wells apparently is convinced that the records were correct.

His letter follows:

"It is not advisable to place thermometers on the roof of a building whenever a ground exposure is possible. In the larger cities it is not always possible to secure a good ground exposure, but Salem is fortunate in having an excellent ground exposure.

"There is no reason to suppose that the temperature is materially lower at the airport than within the city of Salem. The fact that"

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## Salem Players to Have Cognomen of Vikings in Future

Hereafter, it's Vikings when the reference is to athletic teams of the Salem high school. The student body decided that at a special election held this week to determine the final choice from three names which a student committee chose from a field of more than 80 entries in the contest. Leroy Radin suggested Vikings, and will receive one of the new standard high school rings for his inspiration. Votes to the number of 806 were cast in the "Salem name" election, with 428 going to the term Vikings.

## YANKS ASK TO TAKE UP CRUISERS ISSUE

Discussion of Capital Ships Can Wait, American Delegates Declare

LONDON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The American delegates to the naval conference decided today to tackle immediately the problem of cruisers—the crux of the Anglo-American naval situation. The decision to push the cruiser problem to the forefront of the conference agenda was revealed at a meeting of the delegation this morning.

This development was somewhat of a surprise. Since there is apparently a general agreement among the delegation that battleships should be further limited and controlled by international agreement, it had been expected that capital ships would make the logical starting point for work. But the Americans have taken the line that cruisers are the crucial point of the Anglo-American naval differences, and that this issue should be cleared as soon as possible.

Other Delegates May Not Agree

Whether the conference will accept the American proposal is not yet certain, but the Americans believe that Secretary Stimson will carry this point. In their view, the conference should tackle the hardest problem first and leave the seemingly easy problem of battleships till the last.

The Americans today also favored plunging into the task of greater degree of publicity than reaching an agreement with a had been arranged for. Secretary of State Stimson offered to give up to the Associated Press, and two other American news agencies three seats reserved for American advisers at such business meetings as was held at St. James' palace yesterday. This move was strongly urged by Senator Robinson who was backed by Senator Reed.

French and Italian Situation Difficult

The ramifications of the Franco-Italian naval position also occupied a good share of the day's conference activities. Both Prime Minister MacDonald and Secretary Stimson held conferences with Premier Tardieu of France and Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy.

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## RESCUE BOATS MAKE WAY TO FLOODED AREA

Airplanes Also Continue On Relief Work Under Red Cross Direction

Approximately 100 Persons Brought Away to Safety on Dry Land

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Pushing through the ice-locked overflow with the aid of plectax and pole, rescue boats tonight brought to safety upward of 100 persons from the flooded big lake area in north-western Arkansas, while airplanes began a mission of mercy from the air.

Boats operating under the direction of Walter Over, field representative of the Red Cross, and J. G. Little, chairman of the Mississippi country relief committee, brought more than 50 persons, many of them women and children, to the field base this afternoon. Overnight rescues and the number previously ferried to safety increased the total rescued to about 100.

Red Cross Given Airplane Service

The use of airplanes was tendered the Red Cross by the Curtiss-Wright flying service and the Memphis Evening Appeal, after a telephone conference with E. A. Evans, director of disaster relief of the Red Cross, two planes were dispatched from Memphis to the flood district today.

Many of those brought out of the flood today were reported destitute. Many showed the effects of several days in their farm homes with meagre supplies of food and fuel, but none was ill. After the issuance of emergency supplies at the base they were taken to Dell and Manila, nearby towns, where temporary refugee quarters had been established in vacant buildings, in tents and box cars.

## Held Greatest Air Hero in '29



Second Lieutenant William A. Matheny received the Cheney award for the year 1929 for "performing an act of valor and self-sacrifice worthy of the highest commendation." Matheny's valorous act occurred at Managua, Nicaragua, when, after bravely landing his burning plane in a jungle, he risked his life and suffered severe burns in effecting the rescue of a comrade.

## KING WINTER'S GRIP TIGHTENS IN THIS REGION

Mercury Shows Decided Drop Last Night and This Morning Here

Melting Snow Freezes and Weather Man Predicts More Cold Yet

It isn't time to drain out that anti-freeze mixture and replace it with pure water—not quite. After a minimum temperature of 20 degrees Friday morning, the day was comparatively warm and snow melted rapidly, although the official temperature went no higher than 33 degrees.

This is explained by the fact that the thawing process uses up heat and unless sunshine and winds bring an unusual amount of heat, the temperature will remain just above the freezing mark so long as snow remains to be melted.

But after sundown Friday night the mercury fell rapidly again, and at midnight had reached a mark several degrees below that at the same hour Thursday night. The forecast was for "not much change in temperature," with snow flurries in some part of the Willamette valley.

By the Associated Press

With snow and sleet forecast for the southern section, cloudless skies for the north and little or no change in temperature, indications were that Oregon was not to escape from the embrace of arctic weather for at least another day.

A warm yesterday brought temporary relief to some sections of the state, but last night temperatures sagged again and thawed snow turned to ice before the chilly breath of an east wind.

Portland Sees Hope Of Some Relief

Rising temperatures brought the first potential breath of spring to Portland yesterday and residents hoped the worst of the cold snap had passed. The minimum temperature there yesterday was 20 above zero, the maximum 30. A brilliant sun, which broke from behind threatening clouds early in the morning, however, sent the mercury far above the freezing point in places exposed to its rays.

Ice breaking operations had

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## Boundary Situation Is Tense

New Message Intercepted Showing Huge Drive Looms

Bolivia Is Found Ready to Launch Attack on Paraguay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Paraguayan government tonight ordered its charge d'affaires in Washington, Pablo M. Ynsfran to report to the state department that a new order had been intercepted from General Hans Kundt, member of the Bolivian army, ordering preparations for a general offensive against Paraguay.

The governmental instructions said that the following message sent in code, had been intercepted by the Paraguayan forces:

"Report members of the patrol, 'Trujillo' saw Private Fernandez fall. The division must be ready for a general offensive with the center of gravity in the northern center. Signed Kundt."

Senior Ynsfran will inform the state department tomorrow that Private Fernandez is the Bolivian soldier reported slain. The Trujillo patrol is the one which the Paraguayans contend was engaged in the action of January 16 at Kila Poi, which precipitated the present tense situation between the two countries over the question and their joint claim to the Chaco Boreal.

## DOPE PEDDLERS GET 17 YEARS IN PRISON

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Antonio "Tony" Parnagin, "king of Pacific coast dope peddlers," and his asserted lieutenant, William Levin, both broken in spirit and with heads bowed, stood in federal court this morning and heard District Judge A. F. S. Surtz sentence each to serve 17 years in a federal penitentiary and to pay fines totaling \$24,000.

They were convicted yesterday on each of five counts charging conspiracy and violations of the Jones-Miller and Harrison narcotics acts.

Judge Surtz granted a 10-day stay of execution to afford attorneys an opportunity to file an appeal with the circuit court. During that time, however, they will remain under close guard in the county jail. At the expiration of the 10-days the United States marshal will escort them to a federal prison not yet decided upon.

Meanwhile, a high federal official who chose to remain anonymous disclosed to the Associated Press that operations of "Black Tony" in his years as "dope king" had been nationwide and had brought him into close association with other notable underworld characters, including Al Capone of Chicago and Pete Haines of Denver.

## Tacoma Youth Arrested Here By Local Police

Found in company with a 17-year-old girl at a local rooming house, Robert M. King, alias Robert Gray, 21, was arrested Friday upon a warrant issued from Tacoma, Wash., charging him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The young girl's parents arrived in Salem yesterday to take their daughter back to Tacoma. Meanwhile King is being held in the county jail here awaiting the arrival of the Washington officials.

King is said to have picked the girl up at a hospital where she was visiting a relative. The man agreed to take her to her home, but instead the girl was brought to this city, according to information received by Sheriff Bower.

## DENTAL GOLD FOUND BY YOUTH IN WALL

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—If you were to tell Billy Massey, 9, that adventure doesn't exist, he probably wouldn't believe you.

After school Thursday Billy stuck his hand between the rails of an old rusted retaining wall next to the apartment house where he lives. The hand emerged with \$600 worth of gold.

Today several big men with stars went with Billy and dug their hands into the wall. The hands emerged with \$3000 more in gold and there is believed to be more than \$4400 in gold yet buried in the wall.

But, to make a long story short, the treasure finding episode had a rather somber ending. Edward Powell was taken to jail accused of stealing \$8000 worth of gold from the local dental supply office where he was employed. The gold disappeared last December.

## Oregon Briefs..

**Girl's Life Saved**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Ernest L. Boylen, local physician who yesterday braved the dangers of a night blast from here to be locked Puget Island, in the middle of the Columbia river 80 miles west of this city, to give medical attention to nine-year old June McGillvray, seriously ill with pneumonia, returned to his offices here late today with the announcement that the girl would live.

**Salem Quilt Loos**  
ASTORIA, Jan. 24.—(Special)—The Astoria high school basketball team defeated the Salem high quintet 24 to 19 in a fast and furious game here tonight. A second game will be played Saturday night.

**Cold Takes Victim**  
BEND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Found frozen to death in the isolated Swale community near here, John Green, former employe of a ranch near Burns, today was listed as Oregon's first direct victim of cold weather which this week sent the mercury down to 44 degrees below zero at Burns.

**Arctic weather in this district has taken heavy toll in frozen feet and fingers, one woman, Mrs. C. W. Frasier, wife of the Harney county sheriff, and four men being in the Burns hospital as a result of the bitter cold.**

**Oregon Prof. Quits**  
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Ralph D. Casey, professor of journalism at the University of Oregon for the past eight years, has resigned and will go to the University of Minnesota at the beginning of the fall term this year to accept the position of professor in journalism and chairman of the journalism department. Dr. Casey today announced his acceptance of the position, which was offered by President L. D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota.

**Auto Crash Fatal**  
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Robert Fairbairn, 73, of Seattle, died in a local hospital tonight from injuries received yesterday when the automobile he was driving collided with a Southern Pacific stage at Anlauf, 35 miles south of this city. Mrs. Fairbairn, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, also of Seattle, were all injured in the accident, caused, witnesses said, by icy pavement.

**Oregon Prof. Honored**  
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Coming as national recognition of her research in plant biology, Dr. Elsie I. Sanborn, University of Oregon faculty member, has been invited by the Carnegie institution of Washington, D. C., to join its expedition this spring into the tropics for the purpose of studying ancient and modern flora.

**Plumber Faces Gallows**  
KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The death penalty for John G. Wright, Kiamath Falls plumber charged with shooting Sydney Darling, local hotel owner, November 12, was asked by the state tonight in closing arguments before the case went to the jury.

**Driver Said Drunk**  
ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—F. C. Perry, 44, Cottage Grove, who police said carried a card designating him as a representative of the Oregon State Motor association, was arrested here today on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Smith, Watkins To Operate Big Service Station

The firm of Smith and Watkins, prominent in the automotive service business in Salem for the past ten years, is resuming activity this morning, having repurchased the super service station which it established a little over two years ago at Marion and Liberty streets.

About two months ago "Jim and Bill," as they have been known locally, sold the business to Firestone Service Stores, Inc., but on Friday a deal was completed whereby they again became owners of the business and will take over the reins this morning.

**MEDFORD BEATS EUGENE**  
MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Medford trailed behind until the last four minutes of play to defeat Eugene high school basketball team 23 to 20 here tonight.

## BYRD PREDICAMENT HELD NOT SERIOUS

Norwegians Willing to Perform Rescue Act But See No Need

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Norwegian whaling ships in the antarctic are ready to aid the expedition of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, locked in by ice packs in the Ross sea, but the Norwegian Whalers association believes that the barrier will break up as usual and permit Admiral Byrd's supply ships to get through.

The Norwegian government today informed the American government, in a reply to a request for aid from the United States minister, that it would do all it could to assist Admiral Byrd. The whalers association, which promised that it would do all it could to assist Admiral Byrd were short of provisions, a whaling factory ship would be sent to the rescue.

Whalers familiar with conditions in the antarctic believe that there is still time for the ice to break up and allow the whaling factory ships passed through the pack ice into Ross sea accompanied by several small whalers some time ago, and one of the factory ships recently left the Ross sea again.

## CAB DRIVERS STRIKE CREATING TROUBLE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 24.—(AP)—With 14 men in hospitals, many seriously wounded, and 12 under arrest, Pittsburgh's taxicab drivers strike had flared into open violence today. Taxicab company officials who today attempted to resume service under protection of a court injunction, withdrew the cabs from the streets at 6:00 p. m.

The drivers are striking for increased commissions and recognition of their union.

The disorders of today, the 13th day of the strike, were brought to a head this afternoon in an attack by scores of alleged strikers and strike sympathizers on cabs as they moved out of the Pennsylvania stations rotunda. Bricks, stones, nuts, bolts and clubs were hurled at the cabs as pedestrians hurried to cover and the call was sounded for police reserves.

Miss Minnie Klen, 17, was taken to a hospital suffering from hysteria and an injury to her left leg after being knocked down and trampled during the rioting.

This morning a group of 25 men were stoned while on their way to a cab company garage. Those arrested today were held on "suspicious person" charges.

**THOUSANDS ON STRIKE**  
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Between 12,000 and 15,000 cane workers were reported tonight on strike in various sections of Porto Rico.

## DISEASE CASES ARE REPORTED LOCALLY

After a lull of about a week, communicable disease reports to the number of four were made yesterday to Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer. Two more cases of diphtheria, one of sleeping sickness and one of meningitis were included in the day's assembly.

An adult in Salem has diphtheria, and a school child in the Salem district is the other patient. Dr. Douglas does not believe that either of the cases are directly traceable to others reported earlier in the month, although investigation has not been completed. These bring the total diphtheria cases in the past month to a dozen cases.

A 16-year-old girl at Woodburn has the sleeping sickness. This is the first case of the disease reported earlier in the month, although investigation has not been completed. These bring the total diphtheria cases in the past month to a dozen cases.

The meningitis case was that of 12-year-old Mrs. Johanna Rasmussen, who died early this week, the report that death was due to meningitis just being received yesterday by Dr. Douglas. An investigation of this case is being made.

## Alienation of Woman's Affections Laid To Hill

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Walter J. Hill, millionaire and youngest son of the late James J. Hill, railroad magnate, was named defendant in a \$100,000 alienation of affections suit filed today by L. M. Hoffman.

The complaint alleges that Hill stole Mrs. Hoffman's affections in 1925 and 1926, and that through this alienation the plaintiff has been dishonored, humiliated and has suffered great distress of body and mind.

Frank Drill, St. Paul attorney, who filed the suit for Hoffman, refused to reveal his client's address or occupation. "Because of my client's occupation," he asserted, "I do not wish to embarrass him by telling where he is at present. All I can say is that he has separated because of Hill's relations with her. I do not know whether she resides in the city at present."

Mr. Hill now lives on a ranch near Livingston, Mont., where he is in the cattle business. Mildred Richardson Hill, his third wife, filed suit for divorce Nov. 25, asking \$5,000 monthly temporary alimony, \$5,000 monthly permanent alimony, \$35,000 attorneys fees, and to have \$750,000 set aside from the estate for redress pending settlement of the suit, case has not come to trial.

The Hoffman complaint alleges that the 45-year-old rancher fiancée and meet Hill at various places in St. Paul and Chicago between Sept. 11, 1925, and Nov. 26, 1926.

The complaint further charges that much of Hill's conduct with Hoffman's wife took place "in the presence and with the knowledge of various of his employes and other persons."

## AMBASSADOR IS NOT YET TOLD TO LEAVE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A. M. Makar, ambassador of the Soviet Union to Mexico, this afternoon said he had not yet been advised by Moscow of what steps to take in consequence of the withdrawal of the entire staff of the Mexican legation at Moscow. Until he does receive such advice he said he was unable to comment in any way on the situation or his plans.

The statement by Foreign Minister Genata Estada last night explaining the reasons for the action by Mexico has been transmitted to Moscow, but it was learned from authoritative source that Minister Makar has not yet received any official communication from the department of foreign relations.

## ACCUSED SLAYERS ARRIVE FOR TRIAL

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Miss Irene Schroeder and W. Glenn Dague, accused slayers who were captured in Arizona January 15, were returned to Newcastle tonight to face trial on charges that they killed a state highway patrolman. The pair was taken from a train at a flagstop station on the outskirts of the city and hurried in heavily guarded automobiles to the Lawrence county jail.

Despite the fact that authorities had tried to keep the detaining point secret, a considerable crowd had gathered at the small station by the time the train arrived. Officers rushed the woman and her companion to a waiting automobile and before the train pulled out the car was on the way to the jail, where another crowd had assembled to seek a glimpse of the prisoners.

## Did You Know That

"The world is so full of a number of things, I am sure we should all be as happy as kings." So it is. Here, there and you are interesting tidbits of information. You'll be amazed, pleased, educated when you read the daily feature starting next Sunday in The Statesman.

A helpful illustration accompanies each day's "fact." Watch for it on the classified advertising page of The Statesman.

## Cherry Growers To Gather Here This Afternoon

The cherry tariff, a matter of vital importance to cherry growers in this vicinity, will be discussed at a meeting this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Salem chamber of commerce auditorium.

Notices were sent out through the cooperation of the chamber of commerce to more than 200 growers, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present. Max Gehlhar, president of the Willamette Valley Cherry Growers association, will preside. J. G. Hogg is secretary. All persons interested have been invited to attend.

## Baptists Consider Payne's Situation At Big Session

No action was taken, and so far as could be learned no conclusion was reached, at the First Baptist church congregation meeting Friday night.

It was explained that the meeting was not an official session of the church, as insufficient notice had been given, and for this reason no action binding on the church could have been taken. No announcement was forthcoming as to when an official meeting would be held.

Information as to what occurred was meager, as reporters were excluded from the meeting and persons who attended refused afterward to comment. It is known that E. W. Peterson was chairman, that a large number of members attended including both opponents and supporters of Robert L. Payne, pastor.

Discussion continued for several hours, but the matter at issue was not disclosed other than that it concerned the future course of the church in relation to Mr. Payne. He did not attend the meeting, it was reported. He had stated Friday that he would not oppose the effort to remove him.

At a meeting of the deacons on Thursday night Mr. Payne was asked by those church officials to resign, but no agreement was reached, according to reports, the meeting breaking up after events occurred which led to the filing of a charge of assault against the pastor.

Mr. Payne pleaded not guilty to the charge, which had been filed against him by Virgil O'Neil, when he appeared voluntarily in justice court Friday morning. Following the arraignment on the charge, Payne was released on his own recognizance.

While no time has been set for his trial before a justice court jury, it is expected that Justice Brasher Smith will let the case for the latter part of next week.